Here is what you need. A "handgaurd retainer". Below the picture I'll tell you how I did mine...



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I bought mine from www.k-var.com and cut it in half with a dremel tool using the cutting discs. Then I had a guy I work with weld it back around the barrel. This kept me from having to remove the front sight and gas block. The little bit of space that he wasn't able to fill with weld, I filled with JB Quick Weld and sanded till it looked perfect, and then painted it.

Then I cut a groove in the barrel for the locking mechanism to catch into.

The hardest part of the whole project was finding someone willing to weld it. I paid him $50.00 and he said it took 3 hours, but he was very careful to get it right. All in all it wasn't too bad and I'm glad I did it.

When I cut it in half I did it at an angle making sure not to mess with the locking mechanism or sling attatchment.

This picture has bad color and is blurry but you get the idea...





